

**Town of Webster
Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303**

Select Board Meeting – February 17, 2015 Tuesday

Select Board present: Chairman Roy Fanjoy, Selectman Bruce Johnson and Selectman Roger Becker.

The Select Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

6:30 pm Deputy Fire Chief Jake Drown presented or advised the Board of the following:

- 22 calls for service to date.
- Chief Rob Wolinski wanted him to pass on concerns regarding the ice back up at the Public Safety Building.
- Tom Oakley is now a certified EMT.
- Police Chief Robert Dupuis spoke with contractors regarding the ice build-up at the PSB. He had two quotes for removal: R.T. Lake, Inc. for a total of \$9,750 and Peter Swislosky for \$1,500. Mr. Swislosky will rent a lift and could start Friday. Road Agent Emmett Bean will pull as much snow away from the building as possible. Chief Dupuis requested that Mr. Swislosky schedule the work. Mrs. Jones will send Mr. Lake a letter thanking him for his quote.

Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham inquired as to where to charge the PSB snow removal. Discussion ensued. The final decision was to take it from the PSB maintenance budget line at this time, which would reduce the amount available for the year. Mrs. Pinkham also indicated a potential shortage in the PSB propane budget as well. These budget items will be reviewed at the next meeting: PSB propane, PSB maintenance, all electricity budget lines and Highway expenses.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Becker made a motion to accept the 02/4/15 Select Board minutes as written; seconded by Chairman Fanjoy and approved.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the 02/10/15 Public Hearing minutes as written; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.
- The Board gave permission to add First Class software to Town Clerk Michele Derby's computer, which will authorize her to put information on the Town's website.
- Mrs. Jones advised that the Town Report proof was ready.
- Selectman Johnson recommended setting a time-line for Administrative Assistant replacement. Chairman Fanjoy recommended it be on the next agenda.

The Board discussed, signed or approved the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- Signed a corrected Treasurer's December Reconciliation.
- Signed the January Bank Reconciliation.
- Signed the MS 636 – 2015 Budget.
- Signed the 2015 Warrant for posting.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis presented or advised the Board of the following:

- 41 calls for service with the highlights read.
- Chief Dupuis discussed with Fire Chief Rob Wolinski background checks for applicants to the Fire Department per RSA 41:9-b without a fee charged to the applicant, to be discussed when Chief Wolinski is here. This will require Select Board authorization.
- He received the appraisal for the damage to the Police Cruiser of \$8,700 with a \$1,000 deductible. Mrs. Pinkham advised that the deductible will be handled when the Town's insurance subrogates with the other insurer. Selectman Becker requested a second appraisal, which was approved by the Board. Chief Dupuis advised that it was scheduled to go to Grappone's on 3/6/15, but will call Banks Collision Center for another estimate. Ossipee Mountain Electronics will take out the radio and wiring to test and replace as needed after the repairs are completed.
- Chief Dupuis noted an issue on the ordinance dealing with posted roads, which currently authorizes only the Select

Board to issue exemptions causing unnecessary hardship to individuals or businesses. After a lengthy discussion the final decision was to amend the current ordinance to allow the Select Board to appoint an agent to act on their behalf. Chief Dupuis will write the proposed amendment and send it to Mrs. Jones. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the next meeting.

- Chief Dupuis advised that he is looking for information on David Fisher, who owns a home on Battle Street, but lives in MA. He has several unregistered vehicles, does not reside here, but is on the voter check list.
- He is preparing a letter to Alan Hofmann, owner of the vacant lot in Pillsbury Lake where multiple vehicles are currently parked.

Road Agent Emmett Bean presented or advised the Board of the following:

- Resident John Clark complimented Mr. Bean on a job well done this winter.
- Mr. Bean is hauling winter sand. Two loads of salt were delivered.
- He noted the extra work created because of homeowners snow removal hindering the clearing of roads.
- He may need a new plow.
- Mr. Bean provided the Board with information he received from Holden Engineering relative to the Clothespin Bridge Road drainage and intersection issues. It was noted that DES had advised that municipalities are charged for any applications.
- Mr. Bean and Chairman Fanjoy will meet on 2/21/15 with Engineer Erin Darrow to review and get her input on potential highway projects. Ms. Darrow is experienced in grant writing and could help Webster with this. Later in the meeting Chairman Fanjoy noted a grant available to communities for past disaster relief, with a deadline of 3/15/15, saying that the preliminary application is complicated and that Webster would likely not qualify or be able to take advantage of this.

Selectman Johnson prepared a revised Highways and Roads Project for review and possible Board signature. A lengthy discussion ensued. The final decision was to add this project list to the minutes at the 3/2/15 meeting.

Chairman Fanjoy advised Treasurer Mary Smith that she will need to consider a replacement for him as the second authorized person to approve payroll as he is not seeking another term as Selectman.

The Board requested that Mrs. Jones invite Moderator Robert Pearson to the 3/2/15 meeting to discuss the upcoming election, the annual meeting, the petition article and who might present it, etc. The Board agreed that Selectman Johnson would move the Warrant Article, to be seconded by Selectman Becker so the article can be discussed and that Chairman Fanjoy would answer the questions.

The Board agreed to start the 3/2/15 Select Board Meeting at 4:00 pm to conduct the regular meeting until all business is complete. This change of time will be posted.

Selectman Johnson thanked Susan Barnes for her years of service as a Library Trustee after receiving a note from Mrs. Barnes that she will no longer be running for Library Trustee.

Chairman Fanjoy opened discussion to the public. Dick Inman questioned the Warrant Article for the cruiser indicating no funds to be raised by taxation. He was given an explanation. Treasurer Mary Smith questioned the use of Capital Reserve funds with discussion following on their use and the transparency of the use of these funds.

7:52 pm Selectman Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.

Roy E. Fanjoy, Chairman
SB/ jj

Bruce G. Johnson

Roger A. Becker

R E Fanjoy

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